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Part B for Nov 1918.

SUBJECT.

Re: loot at Closepet on 1-11-1918.

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D. W. R.—5-18—20,000 Pads. Chief Secretary [illegible] 2-11-18

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THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY CO., LD.

(Incorporated in England)

Inland Telegram.

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Class Prefix O Code S.

LICENSED TELEGRAPH MESSAGE FORM.

BANGALORE 2 NOV. 18 C.T.O.

No.

Recd. at Hrs. Mts.	Charged.			Sent at Hrs. Mts.
From	Words.	R.	A.	To
By				By

Handed in at. Office of Origin.	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words to be signalled.
Closepet mon	1/4	18		Three address	42

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN BY THE SENDER ABOVE THIS LINE.—PLEASE GIVE A FULL ADDRESS.

Enter opposite, whether:—
Urgent or Ordinary.
State or on Railway Service.
Reply Paid, stating the amount.

TO
Name 1. Visvaswariah Esqr. Dewan Bangalore.
Address 2 Deputy Commissioner Bangalore
Place 3 Inspector General Police Bangalore

Mine two other shops looted noon safety person property unguarded by Police. Public terribly frightened Immediate personal enquiry badly needful

To be Telegraphed { FROM Person. Subbayachetty Merchant.

Not to be Telegraphed { Signature and Address of Sender

Draft subtd. as personally directed

[illegible] 2/11/18

To the Dy Commr Bangalore Dt
no G 8014 d 2-11-18.
Forwards copy of the telegram
for very early report.
Copy to the I.G. of Police
no G 8015 d 2-11-18

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Reg

5/11/18

Chief Secy) For perusal

U J 5/11/18

44 From the Dy Comr - Bangalore

Letter d/ 4-11-18

Submits a report regarding a slight disturbance at Closepet on the 1st Nov 1918 owing to rice & ragi not being available & states that disciplinary measures are being taken to bring to book the culprits responsible.

Subd

Reg

6/11/18

Chief Secy)

U J 6/11/18

For perusal

Further report of action taken may be awaited

Extramember }
Dewan }
Secy

6/11/18

6/11/18

Reel

8.11.18

Prompt notice should be taken of such disturbances.

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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

P.R File No. (07) of 1918.-19

Serial No. 48

From the I. G. of Police
no 3711/233 d/ 18/19.11.18.
Submits for information a report by the Supdt of Police regarding the disturbances refd to.

Subd
Ug
22/11/18

Chief Secy

25/11/18

For perusal
2nd member }
Dewan }

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POLITICAL BRANCH
17 DEC 1918

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No G 8016/Gn. Misc d 2/11/18

To
The Deputy Commr. & Dt. Magistrate
Bangalore Dt.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of a telegram dated 1st inst. from Subrayachetty, Merchant, Closepet, regarding the looting of his & two other shops and to request that a detailed report in the matter may be furnished immediately.

I have &c

for
Chief Secy to Govt
2/11/

Memo: No. G 8015/Gn. Misc d 2/11/18
Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the I.G. of Police in Mysore, for information.

By order

Chief Secy

No 7176

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Dated Bangalore 4th November 1918.

P.P. 10/7/1819
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From,

T. CHOKKANNA. ESQ. B.A.
Offg Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore.

To,

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.
Chief Secretary to Government, ~~of~~ Mysore.
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to report a few rowdies caused a slight disturbance at Closepet on the 1st instant, owing to rice and ragi not being available, and the merchants there are reported to have closed their shops unwisely till 10 A.M. The Deputy Amildar reports-- that a few plantains, uppu-kadale were taken away by force and eaten by the rowdies. The small quantities of spilt grains are estimated to cost about Rs 10/-. The prompt intervention of the Sub-Division Officer and the Deputy Amildar restored peace and order th there. Disciplinary measures are being taken to bring to book the culprits responsible for the disturbance and the result of the action will be reported.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Offg Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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From The Offg. Deputy Commissione
Bangalore District

To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysor
Bangalore

Dated 4/4/18

Despatched do

Received

General No.
No.

Enclosure No.

Submits a report re a disturb
by a few rowdies at Closepet
on the 1st instant.

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DIARY NO..........

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No. 3211 18-19 / 283 81 Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

10-7-18 Dated Bangalore, the 18th November 1918.

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DIARY No. 96651
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SERIAL No.

From

Mir Hamza Husein, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Offg. Inspector General of Police in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 2922/216 dated 7-11-191 re the disturbance at Closepet on the Ist November 1918, I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government copy of memo dated the 9th November 1918 of the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, received with letter No. 499 dated 9-11-1918 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and to state that the complaint of Subrayachetty is very much exaggerated. What actually took place was a row between him and some of the people of Closepet, in cours of which some of the articles exposed for sale in the shop wer upset, that the cause of the trouble was Subrayachetty himself who demanded exhorbitant prices for the rice which the poor people wanted to purchase and that steps are being taken to bring the offenders to justice.

x This is regarding addl police staff reqd for the Closepet Town & is being dealt with in the Police Section

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Mir Hamza Husain
Offg. Inspector General of Police.

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WD 2328—GPB—400—2-4-17

From

The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore.

To
Chief
The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of
Mysore, General Dept.

Dated 18-11-1918.
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No. 3211/228
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Subject.

Re: the disturbance at Closepet on 1st November 1918.

Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 9th November 1918.

MEMO.

With reference to the disturbance reported to have taken place in Closepet on 1-11-1918, I beg to report that I went to Closepet on the 6th instant and made local enquiries into the matter. I questioned D. Subbarayachetty, merchant, who had wired about the looting of his shop, as also Venkatasanjiviah, Moonasamy Moodaliar and Sigarappa Setti, merchants and Municipal Commissioner and D. Srikantiah and other merchants etc., and examined the shop of Subbarayasetti. My local enquiry went to show that nothing more than what has been reported by the Deputy Amildar in his report dated 2-11-1918 occurred. The facts appear to be that Subbarayasetti, taking advantage of the fact that rice was not readily available, began selling it at exorbitant rate, changing the rates every now and then, which naturally roused the feelings of the poor people living by cooly. On 1-11-1918 till about 10 A.M. none of the shops were opened by the merchants. The Deputy Amildar and the Sub Divisional Officer thereupon went and advised the merchants, who then opened their shops. One Peer Sab, a cooly, went and asked for rice at Subbarasetti's shop. He gave Peer Sab 3½ seers of rice for a rupee. The latter demanded 4 sheers but the merchant refused to give at that rate. Some altercation of words took place between them. This attracted a number of persons who collected there. Seeing a number of persons with roused feeling at the action of the merchant trying to profitier in these times, Subbarayasetti raised a hue and cry. In the confusion caused some of the boxes were thrown about from the shop and things were scattered about. Immediately a Police constable appeared on the scene and kept the mob under control. The Deputy Amildar came to the spot and dispersed the mob. This is all what appears to have occurred at the time. There does not seem to have been a regular loot, though in the confusion caused Subbarayasetti has suffered some

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loss by the things being thrown about. The loss sustained by him may amount to about 15 or 20 Rs. But he has apparently exaggerated the matter in his telegram.

The Deputy Amildar told me that Subbarayasetti has given a statement before him that he has no regular complaint in this matter, but that he wants some bandobast being made to see that no further disturbance took place. The object of Subbarayasetti in sending such an alarming wire appears to be that some police arrangements might be made to prevent further disturbance.

It appears that on 4-11-1918 a few notices were put up to the lamp-posts in the Bazaar street to the effect that there would be loot on Tuesday the 5th instant. The authorities were on their alert to meet the situation, though confidential enquiries made did not disclose any such feeling prevalent. Anyhow nothing occurred on the 5th instant. Even with regard to these notices, I fell inclined to believe that some of these merchants have a hand, just to let the authorities know that the situation is grave and require special attention being paid to it.

There is no doubt that as reported by the Deputy Amildar some disturbance did take place, though there was no actual loot. Special arrangements have been made to prevent further breach of the peace and instructions have been issued to find out who the actual culprits who committed the mischief on 1-11-1918 are and to take steps to book them, so that it may instil some fear in the minds of the people who are inclined to be rowdy.

Sd./- S. Reuben,
Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

"COPY"

Offg. Inspector ~~General~~ of Police.